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1. SUMMARY: FIFTH COMMITTEE REJECTED OPEC-SPONSORED DRAFT RESOLUTION (A/C.5/31/L.10, REV.1 AS AMENDED) ON SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS BY VOTE OF 26-62(US)-34, WHICH IN ITS ORIGINAL VERSION WOULD HAVE MAINTAINED THE PRESENT SCALE FOR TWO YEARS AND INSTRUCTED THE COMMITTEE ON CONTRIBUTIONS TO TAKE SPECIFIED NEW CRITERIA INTO ACCOUNT IN REEXAMINING THE SCALE. OPEC CO-SPONSORS ALL VOTED AGAINST THEIR DRAFT RESOLUTION, STATING THAT THE ORIGINAL RESOLUTION HAD BEEN TOTALLY MUTILATED WITH THE ADOPTION OF THE CANADIAN AMENDMENT (OPERATIVE PARA 1) WHICH DECIDED TO ADOPT NEW SCALE RECOMMENDED BY COMMITTEE ON CONTRIBUTIONS FOR YEAR 1977 AND 1978. THE FRG AMENDMENT (L.30) CALLING FOR DELETION IN ORIGINAL OPEC RESOLUTION OF PROPOSAL FOR 30 PERCENT CEILING ON INCREASES FOR INDIVIDUAL STATES FROM ONE SCALE TO THE NEXT WAS REJECTED. THE COMMITTEE STILL HAS ONE DRAFT RESOLUTION BEFORE IT, SUBMITTED BY COMMITTEE ON CONTRIBUTIONS AND CALLING FOR ADOPTION OF NEW SCALE FOR 1977 THROUGH 1979. END SUMMARY.

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2. ITEM 100 - SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS

COMMITTEE DEVOTED ENTIRE MEETING TO SUBJECT, TAKING UP THE FOLLOWING:

A. A/C.5/31/L.28 - CANADIAN AMENDMENT, WHICH CALLED FOR ADOPTION OF SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS RECOMMENDED BY COMMITTEE ON CONTRIBUTIONS (C/C) FOR 1977 AND 1978.

(I) FOLLOWING A STATEMENT BY LEGAL COUNSEL, THAT, IN THE LIGHT OF APPROVAL OF CUBAN-SPONSORED RESOLUTION IN A/C.5/31/L.8 (MAINTAINING PRESENT SCALE FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHOSE EXPORTS UNDERWENT A SHARP DECLINE), THE CANADIAN AMENDMENT REQUIRED ONLY A SIMPLE MAJORITY VOTE. THE COMMITTEE THEN DECIDED, BY VOTE OF 46(US, SOV BLOC EXCEPT POLAND) MOST WEOS)-45-36 THAT CANADIAN AMENDMENT REQUIRED ONLY A SIMPLE MAJORITY. AMONG THOSE EXPLAINING VOTE BEFORE VOTE WAS JAPAN (AKASHI), WHICH SAID THERE SHOULD BE SOME CORRELATION BETWEEN THE ROLE A MEMBER STATE IS PERMITTED TO PLAY IN ORGANIZATION AND THE DEGREE OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY IT IS ASKED TO BEAR, ADDING THAT JAPAN IS READY AND WILLING TO CONTRIBUTE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CAPACITY TO PAY.

(II) COMMITTEE BY ROLL-CALL VOTE, ADOPTED CANADIAN AMENDMENT TO DRAFT RESOLUTION IN A/C.5/31/L.10/REV.1 BY VOTE OF 56(US, SOV BLOC EXCEPT POLAND, MOST WEOS, SOME LDCS)-46(OPEN, SOME LDCS)-29.

B. A/C.5/31/L.30 - FRG AMENDMENT

(I) FRG (SCHMIDT) SAID IT DID NOT WISH TO PRESS FIRST PART OF ITS AMENDMENT AND THAT THIRD PART HAD BEEN SUPERSEDED BY A SIMILAR PROVISION IN L.7/REV.2, THEREBY LEAVING ONLY THE SECOND PART, WHICH CALLED FOR DELETION OF 30 PERCENT CEILING ON INCREASES FOR INDIVIDUAL STATES FROM ONE SCALE TO THE NEXT.

(II) AMONG THE STATEMENTS IN EXPLANATION OF VOTE BEFORE VOTE WERE THOSE OF TRINIDAD/TOBAGO AND PHILIPPINES AGAINST THE AMENDMENT, AND GHANA AND NEPAL FOR THE AMENDMENT. UK (STUART) SAID TO SET A CEILING WOULD SUBSTITUTE POLITICAL PROCESS FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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A PROCEDURE DEPENDING ON IMPARTIAL, EXPERT ADVICE.

(III) BY ROLL-CALL VOTE, COMMITTEE REJECTED THE FRG AMENDMENT BY 50-36(US)-44.

C. A/C.5/31/L.10/REV.1 (OPEC RESOLUTION) AS AMENDED BY L.28 (CANADIAN AMENDMENT).

REP OF POLAND REQUESTED, THEN LATER WITHDREW, SEPARATE VOTE ON OPERATIVE PARA 2. IRAN (TALIEH) REQUESTED SEPARATE VOTE ON OPERATIVE PARA 1 AS AMENDED, TO WHICH FRG (SCHMIDT) OBJECTED ON GROUND IT HAD ALREADY BEEN VOTED ON. FOLLOWING A LENGTHY PROCEDURAL DISCUSSION AS TO WHETHER IRAN'S REQUEST SHOULD BE TREATED UNDER RULE 123 OF RULES OF PROCEDURE, THE COMMITTEE BY 52-46(US)-25 AGREED TO VOTE SEPARATELY ON OPERATIVE PARA 1 AS AMENDED. OPERATIVE PARA 1 AS AMENDED WAS PUT TO ROLL-CALL VOTE AND APPROVED BY 55(US)-47-26.

BEFORE DRAFT RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE WAS PUT TO VOTE, MOST OF COSPONSORS SAID THE ORIGINAL RESOLUTION HAD BEEN TOTALLY MUTILATED WITH THE ADOPTION OF THE AMENDMENT AND THAT THEY WOULD VOTE AGAINST. KRUMIN (USSR) SAID HE WOULD VOTE FOR AMENDED PROPOSAL, WHICH WAS A COMPROMISE, IN SPITE OF HIS OBJECTION TO PARAGRAPH 3(B). COMMITTEE BY VOTE OF 26(EES, A FEW LDCS)-62(US, MOST WEOS, OPEC)-34 REJECTED L.10/REV.1 AS AMENDED. IN EXPLANATION OF VOTE AFTER VOTE, JAPAN (AKASHI) OPINED THAT COMMITTEE HAD NOT ACHIEVED CONSENSUS AND HOPED NEW CONSULTATIONS WOULD LEAD TO AN AGREED FORMULA, WHICH COULD BE OBTAINED BY MUTUAL CONCESSIONS ON ALL SIDES. PHILIPPINES (GARRIDO) JOINED JAPAN IN CALLING ON ALL PARTIES TO RENEW NEGOTIATIONS. FRG (SCHMIDT) SAID IT VOTED AGAINST BECAUSE ITS AMENDMENT HAD NOT BEEN ADOPTED.

D. KUWAIT (AMB. BISHARA) SUPPORTED BY ZAMBIA (ZIMBA) MOVED FOR ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING BECAUSE OF LATENESS OF HOUR. MOTION WAS OPPOSED BY STOTTLEMYER (US) AND KRUMIN (USSR), WHO URGED CONTINUATION OF VOTING ON DRAFT RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY C/C. COMMITTEE AGREED TO ADJOURNMENT BY VOTE OF 58-32(US, MOST WEOS, EE)-9.

E. ROLL-CALL VOTING LISTS ARE BEING POUCHED IO/IBC (HENNES)
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AS WELL AS OPI PRESS RELEASE GA/AB/1696 REPORTING ON 42ND MEETING.

F. COMMITTEE WILL RESUME CONSIDERATION OF SCALE AT ITS NEXT MEETING EVENING DECEMBER 7.
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